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St. James's, December 13.

THE following Addreſs from the Grand Jury for the City and County of the City of Briſtol; was preſented to his Majeſty by the Right Honourable the Earl of Berkeley.

To the KING's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of the Grand-Jury for the City and County of the City of *Briſtol*, at a Seſſion of Oyer and Terminer, held by vertue of your Majeſty's ſpecial Commiſſion, begun the 25th of *November* 1714.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE do with all Humility and Acknowledgments return our unfeigned Thanks to your Majeſty for your great Goodneſs in ſending a Special Commiſſion to this City, not only to protect your good Subjects, but to prevent for the future ſuch riotous Aſſemblies, which for theſe four laſt Years this (before) happy Place has been expoſed to. We are ſorry to ſay they have been encouraged and abetted by ſome of our own Fellow Citizens, who have from time to time notoriouſly eſpouſed their Cauſe, and, as far as in them lay, have skreened them from Juſtice.

As the Magiſtrates of this City have always behaved themſelves with Honeſty and Integrity in the Execution of their Office, and have heartily eſpouſed the Proteſtant Succeſſion in your Illuſtrious Houſe, and are now highly pleaſed in being your Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects ſo we ſhall always take care to demean our ſelves under their Civil Adminiſtration, as to be aſſiſtant to them in preſerving the Peace of this City in bringing to Condign Puniſhment all Enemies to your Majeſty's Government, and to deſerve your future Protection.

May your Majeſty long ſupport our Excellent Conſtitution in Church and State. May your Royal Crown flouriſh while your Enemies are cloathed with Shame, and, after a long and glorious Reign, may your Royal Progeny perpetuate the Bleſſing of good Government to late Poſterity.

An humble Addreſs of the Biſhop, the Dean and Chapter, the Chancellor the Arch-Deacon, and the Clergy of the Diocele of Worceſter; preſented to his Majeſty by Dr William Lloyd, Chancellor of the ſaid Diocele introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Both which Addreſſes his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Madrid, December 3. *N. S.* The 28th of laſt Month three Secretaries of State were added to the former two, and had the following Employments aſſigned them, viz The Biſhop of Gironda, Preſident of the Council of the Treaſury, is to lay before the King whatever relates to the Finances, and to Counterſign all his Majeſty's Orders thereupon: Don Miguel Duran, Secretary of the Council of the Orders, has the like Charge of every thing relating to War: As has Don Bernardo Tinagero of Naval Affairs and of Commerce. Each of theſe are allowed two Thouſand Piſtoles a Year. As to the two former Secretaries, Don Joſeph Grimaldo has the Care of Foreign or Political, and Don Manuel Vadillo of Eccleſiaſtical Affairs with an Appointment of 2500 Piſtoles each. That the Buſineſs which in preceeding Reigns paſſed all through the Hands of one Secretary, who had eight Perſons to officate under him, is now diſtributed among five who have thirty under them. The laſt Letters from Catalonia relate, that the new Government there proceeds with great Rigour againſt thoſe who conceal Arms, for which Offence three Perſons were condemned to Death the 24th paſt at Barcelona. The Return of the Cardinal del Giudice to this Court is yet doubtful, and is ſaid to depend upon a final Reſolution of his Majeſty concerning him, which was diſpatched to him at Bayone laſt Week. Many Houſekeepers of this City having neglected to give in the Information required of them, of the Names and Condition of all Perſons who lodge in their Houſes, a new Order is publiſhed, allowing them 15 Days longer, and threatning them with ſevere Penalties, if they do not give in ſuch Information within that Time.

Paris, Dec. 19. *N. S.* 'Tis adviſed from Barcelona, that the People of Majorca having refuſed to ſubmit on the Terms offered to them, Preparations are making for an Expedition againſt that Iſland: The Land-Forces to be employed in it are to be Commanded by the Chevalier d'Aſtelat, and are to imbark about the end of February: 15000 Sacks of Bread-Corn, and 10000 of Oats, were expected from the Port of Sette in Languedoc, for the uſe of thoſe Forces. The French Battallions which ſince the Reduction of Barcelona were returning out of Catalonia, are ordered to ſtop in Rouſſillon, where they are to be diſtributed into Winter Quarters. Letters from Toulon of the 6th Inſtant give an account, that ſome Malteſe Ships having taken on board there 4000 Quintals of Powder, 6000 Quintals of Muſquet-Balls, 30 Pieces of Cannon, 10 Mortars, 1000 Bullets, and 400 Bombs, ſailed the 2d for Malta. 'Tis alſo adviſed from Toulon, that Orders were come from Court, for fitting out 6 Galleys, 12 Men of War, with ſeveral Bomb Veſſels and Tranſports, to ſerve in the Expedition for reducing Majorca to the Obedience of his Catholick Majeſty. The Cardinal d'Etrees is dead. The Perſian Ambaſſador is come into the Neighbourhood of this City, and in a few Days will be conducted hither to the Houſe appointed for the Entertainment of Foreign Miniſters, in order to his being carried to Court to have Audience of the King.

St. James's, December 13. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint

The Right Honourable Charles Earl of Halifax to be Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Surrey.

The Right Honourable Henry Lord Carleton to be High Treaſurer of the Kingdom of Ireland.

The Right Honourable William Viſcount Montjoy to be Maſter of the Ordnance in Ireland.

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